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To: BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Members and Invited Participants (Attached List)

From: Mary Selkirk, BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group Chair

Subject: BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group

The next meeting of the BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group will be held on **Wednesday, April 30, 1997 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Room 1131 of the Resources Building, at 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA.** A summary from the March 26 work group meeting is attached (Attachment 1).

The objective for the next meeting is primarily to discuss the scientific review for the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP) and ecosystem restoration assurances/adaptive management. Additionally, we will also review the outcomes from the recent public workshop on the ERPP.

As discussed at the last BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group meeting, the CALFED Program is initiating an effort to conduct a facilitated scientific review of the ERPP. A panel of nationally recognized scientists will be convened to assess and evaluate the scientific validity and rationale of the underlying hypotheses and implementation objectives embodied in the ERPP. A proposed approach for this process was distributed at the last meeting and has been further developed by CALFED staff. At the core of this review are a series of questions that will be posed to the panel to focus their deliberation. At the meeting in March, we solicited input from work group participants on the proposed approach including the substance and nature of questions for the panel. Attached are responses from Bruce Herbold and Rod Fujita (Attachments 2 and 3). To help focus the discussion at the next work group meeting, we have utilized this input and developed a proposed list of questions to put before the panel (Attachment 4.)

The second objective of the meeting is to continue the discussion regarding the assurances necessary for ecosystem restoration. Two attachments are included for this agenda item: Attachment 5 - a memo from Gary Bobker, the Bay Institute, outlining components of an ecosystem assurances strategy; and Attachment 6 - a paper on adaptive management from a national expert.

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We have formulated the following questions to help focus our discussion:

- How can we ensure that a long-term ecosystem restoration program will have the political and fiscal will to endure?
- How can we ensure that an adaptive management strategy can be supported?
- How do we ensure balanced decision-making that takes into consideration all interests?
- How can we ensure that ongoing public participation and feedback will be built into the structure?
- How can we ensure that an adaptive management program in the Delta can integrate the activities of a multitude of regulatory authorities (local, state and federal) in a timely manner?

This is obviously an incomplete set of questions, but we hope it will stimulate a lively discussion. Our goal is to try to formulate ecosystem assurance needs that we can forward to the Assurances Work Group or sponsor a joint meeting to discuss the issues.

We look forward to your participation at the next meeting.

Attachments